

Historic England, Matter 5

Historic England Hearing Statement

Introduction

- 1.1. This Hearing Statement summarises Historic England's response to the Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions with regards to Matter 5 - (ID19).
- 1.2. This hearing statement should be read alongside Historic England's comments submitted at previous consultation stages of the Local Plan and the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG).

Matter 5: Vision, Objectives and Spatial Strategy

A strategy for Wallingford (Policy SP8)

Q5.36 Is the strategy for Wallingford appropriate and justified by evidence?

There is an opportunity to strengthen the policy approach to Scheduled Monuments at risk within Wallingford. At present, Policy SP8 does not explicitly address this issue, which we believe is necessary to deliver the positive strategy for the historic environment as required by national policy. As outlined in our SoCG (DUC03) and Regulation 19 response, we recommend the following amendments:

*h) conserve and enhance **the significance of the town's heritage assets including Wallingford Conservation Area and the Scheduled Monuments of Wallingford Castle, Kinecroft and Bullcroft. Measures are encouraged that directly address the needs of the two monuments on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register, seeking to reduce the risk to those monuments and enhance their appreciation.***

In the supporting text, to be expanded or adapted as appropriate:

"For Wallingford Castle, works are needed to manage the woodland on the Motte to safely re-open it to the public. Works are needed to upgrade the north west entrance to the Bullcroft and clear scrub for Bullcroft and Kinecroft to protect the integrity of the earthworks."